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August 21, 2008

Douglas Bosco
Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing today to express my strong support for the City of Concord's *Galindo Creek Trail Gap Closure Project* proposal.

The Galindo Creek Trail Gap Closure Project would close the final 600-foot gap within the 20-mile long historical California Riding and Hiking Trail which extends from Martinez to the Lime Ridge Open Space in Concord. The project consists of a 528-foot long trail with a decomposed granite surface and a 74-foot long pedestrian bridge.

The Galindo Creek Trail Gap Closure project is made up of three components: (1) construction of an 8-foot wide trail between existing trails located on the east side of Galindo Creek; (2) installation of a prefabricated pedestrian bridge over Galindo Creek; (3) construction of a pier and tie back wall to stabilize a slide area, thus protecting the No. 2 westbound lane along Ygnacio Valley Road and the planned trail downhill of the roadway.

The new trail will be located at the northerly side (downhill) of Ygnacio Valley Road. It would begin about 100 feet east of Galindo Creek, cross Galindo Creek via a pre-fabricated bridge, parallels the creek and terminates at the staging area 500 feet west of the creek.

This segment of trail will provide residents access and opportunities to utilize a wide array of regional trails and open space throughout central Contra Costa County along the 20-mile California Riding and Hiking Trail.

As a long-time supporter of improving and expanding park and trail access in our region, I am pleased to support the City of Concord's proposal. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about my support.

Sincerely,

Tom Torlakson

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August 31, 2008

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing today to express my support for the City of Concord's grant application for the Galindo Creek Trail Gap Closure Project.

There currently exists a 600-foot gap within the 20-mile long historical California Riding and Hiking Trail, which extends from Martinez to the Lime Ridge Open Space in Concord. Closure of this gap would provide the final linkage in this trail section and would be of extreme benefit to the local community. Bridging this final area would provide access to local residents which would allow them to take advantage of a number of regional trails and open space throughout Contra Costa County.

The project consists of a 528-foot long rail and a 74-foot long pedestrian bridge. The new trail will be located at the northerly side of Ygnacio Valley Road. It would begin about 100 feet east of Galindo Creek, cross Galindo Creek via a pre-fabricated bridge, parallel the creek and terminate at the stage area 500 feet west of the Creek.

As a long-time runner and advocate of open space, I hope you will look favorably upon the City of Concord's application. Successful completion of this project will ensure linkage of two very important regional areas. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding my support for the Galindo Creek Trail Gap Closure Project.

Sincerely,

MARK DESAULNIER

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cc: Alex Pascual, City of Concord

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August 27, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: California State Riding and Hiking Trail
Galindo Creek Gap Closure Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

East Bay Regional Park District wishes to express its strong support for the City of Concord's request for Coastal Conservancy funding towards the California State Riding and Hiking Trail's Galindo Creek Gap Closure Project.

The State Riding and Hiking Trail was first envisioned in 1945, and has nearly been completed in Contra Costa County. From its beginning at Carquinez Regional Shoreline, the trail passes through the Franklin Hills, the John Muir National Historic Site and the residential neighborhoods of Martinez, Pleasant Hill and Concord. The only remaining gap in the 16-mile trail between Martinez and Save Mount Diablo's Mangini Property at the foot of Mt. Diablo (acquired with generous support from the Coastal Conservancy) is located at Galindo Creek in Concord. This project proposes to close that gap with new trail construction, retaining walls and the installation of 74-ft bridge across the creek. The project will provide much improved access to the public open space on the slopes of Mt. Diablo for the residents of Concord.

East Bay Regional Park is supporting this important project with a contribution of \$60,000 in Measure AA funds. The Park District is also contributing the prefabricated bridge, which is being "recycled" from another location where it is no longer needed, and will maintain the new trail as part of our Regional Trail network. The project has also received additional state, regional and local funding. It is fully designed, permitted and ready to construct.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions regarding East Bay Regional Park District's support for this important project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,


Jim Townsend
Trails Development Program Manager
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cc: Amy Hutzal, SF Bay Area Regional Manager

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